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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004.

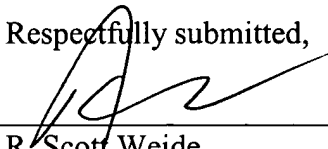
Relative to the Restriction Requirement in this application, Applicants affirm their election to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-8, and have canceled herein Claims 9-14 directed to non-elected Group II.

By the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference signs mentioned in the description (including reference signs (C) and (BP)). Applicants have requested amendment of Figures 1A-1C and 2-6 to include reference signs mentioned in the description, and have requested replacement of the sheets of drawings containing those amended figures. Applicants assert that these amendments add no new matter as the reference signs are contained in the specification as originally filed.

By the Office Action the Examiner indicated the rejection of Claims 1-3 for double patenting over Applicants' prior U.S. Patent N. 6,671,989. Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer traverse this rejection and assert that Claims 1-8 are now in condition for allowance.

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If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the sheets containing Figures 1-6 with the replacement sheets attached. By these replacement sheets of figures Applicants have amended Figures 1A-1C and 2-6 to include reference numbers utilized in the specification.